

MINUTES
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HCDC)
Meeting – April 14, 2010
Fresno City Hall, Room 2165 A - 2nd Floor
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, California 93721

A. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Cox at 5:05 p.m.

Commissioners

Present:	Rogenia Cox, CHAIR Armando Rodriguez, VICE-CHAIR Jeffrey Harrington, Commissioner Louise Bauer Davoli, Commissioner Jas Singh, Commissioner Izzy Einsidler, Commissioner Sandy Cha, Commissioner	Absent:	
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Staff

Present:	Claudia Cázares, Manager Housing and Community Development Erica Castaneda, Recording Secretary	Absent:	Keith Bergthold, Assistant Director Planning and Development Department
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B. COMMUNICATIONS

Item D1 under General Administration was removed from the agenda.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 24, 2010 were approved as presented.

D. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. FISCAL YEAR 2011 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROCESS

Removed from the agenda by Crystal Smith

2. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AN EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT (ENA) BETWEEN THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF FRESNO ("AGENCY"), THE CITY OF FRESNO ("CITY") AND AMCAL MULIT-HOUSING, INC. A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION (THE "DEVELOPER"), FOR A MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT ON 3.40 ACRES AT VENTURA STREET BETWEEN 7TH AND 8TH STREET (470-052-01, 470-052-02 AND 470-052-03), IN AND ADJACENT TO THE SOUTHEAST FRESNO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

John Raymond, Redevelopment Agency, provided the report to Commissioners. Mr. Raymond provided background information on the project. The conceptual proposal consists of high density senior rental housing units and commercial development. Commissioner Davoli inquired about the density per acre on the project. Mr. Raymond explained that the project will be 19 to 27 units per acre. Craig Smith with AMCAL assisted in answering commissioners' questions. Commissioner Davoli inquired about the community's engagement in the process. Mr. Smith explained that community meetings will be held to obtain feedback from the surrounding neighborhoods.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D2 by Commissioner Harrington
Second: Commissioner Davoli seconded the motion.
Ayes: Cox, Rodriguez, Harrington, Davoli, Singh, Einsidler, Cha
Noes: None
Abstain: None

3. CONSIDER RECOMMENDING TO THE AGENCY BOARD TO CONTRACT WITH ROSENOW SPEVACEK GROUP (RSG) TO PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO ADD THE EL DORADO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD TO A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PLAN

David Martin, Redevelopment Agency, provided the report to Commissioners. Mr. Martin provided background information on the project. Two qualified consultants responded to the Agency's "Request for Proposals" (RFP) and, after City and Agency staff reviewed both proposals, RSG emerged as the most qualified candidate to prepare the amendment. Vice Chair Rodriguez inquired about California State University, Fresno's involvement with the project. Mr. Martin explained that the Agency, City of Fresno, Fresno State University, the United Wesley Methodist Church, and Stone Soup partnered with residents and property owners to discuss ideas to eradicate the multiple blight factors of the area.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D3 by Vice Chair Rodriguez

Second: Commissioner Davoli seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cox, Rodriguez, Harrington, Davoli, Singh, Einsidler, Cha

Noes: None

Abstain: None

E. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Claudia Cázares informed Commissioners that a representative from Central California Legal Services will begin to attend future HCDC meetings.

F. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS

Commissioner Harrington informed Commissioners that private organizations will not be eligible to receive CDBG funds.

G. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Claudia Cázares informed Commissioners that City Council approved pooling NSP funds from the Housing Authority's contract, and that the Housing Authority has been expending/obligating their contract at a faster rate.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting: April 28, 2010.

There being no further business to bring before the Housing and Community Development Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Attest: Rogenia Cox, Chair

Attest: Claudia Cázares, Manager
Housing and Community Development